A Brief Guide for Families, Organizations and Public Officials

Resources to inform, support and prepare families for a possible return to Mexico

ACCESS TO EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN BORN IN THE UNITED STATES

In Mexico, all children have access to a free education from preschool through high school.
To make an easier transition to the Mexican education system, parents should have all records from their children´s schools in the U.S. The documents that can facilitate a transition are:

- Transcripts and/or academic records (certificates from pre-K to high school).
- Transfer Document for Binational Migrant Students Mexico-United States, from the last school attended. The Transfer Document can be obtained at a child's school in the U.S. or at the Mexican Consulate.
- Children's medical records, including vaccination cards.

Recommended documentation to register a child in pre-K to middle school

According to the Mexican Ministry of Education's (SEP) National School Guidelines, PUBLISHED IN SEPTEMBER 2015 all children living in Mexico are guaranteed access to education, regardless of the documentation they can provide. Lack of documentation should not be a barrier to enroll a child in school in Mexico. However, because changes in the national guidelines are recent, enrollment will be easier with the following documents:

- **SEP General Registration Form (Annex 1).**
- **Original and a photocopy of ONE of the following documents:**
  - Birth certificate (Mexican or foreign with or without apostille stamp)
  - CURP
  - Letter of naturalization
  - Foreign passport or adoption documentation
  - Consulate certificate or immigration document
  - Official identification card
  - National Identity Document (original and copy)
- **Vaccination or health card.**
- **4.3 x 2.5 cm. headshot photos of the student (the number of photos varies from 2 to 4 according to the school level).**
- **Certificates or transcript (preschool, elementary, middle school).**
- **3 photos of the mother, father or guardian who will pick up the child from school (preschool).**

No school in Mexico should refuse to enroll a child based on his/her nationality, place of birth or lack of documentation. However, if this happens to you, request the refusal in writing and call the Dirección General de Acreditación Incorporación y Revalidación (01 800 288 6688) or write to ce@nube.sep.gob.mx to let them know about the situation. You can also present a complaint to the Comisión Nacional de Derechos Humanos (01 800 715 2000). Organizations such as IMUMI (55 5211 4153) can also help.

HIGHER EDUCATION

Anyone who has completed studies or received a degree from a technical school, community college, or a university, should apostille all documents related to their higher education before returning to Mexico.

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